

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### Week Commencing Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Year A) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time PEACE DAY

(Readings: Is 49:3 5-6, 6-7 Ps 39 1Co 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34)

Saturday 14th	Vigil Mass of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time				
-	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	People of the Parish	Bidding Prayers response: May your
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mass of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time				kingdom come.
	Tavistock	9am	Mass	Pat & Brian Richardso	
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	O'Kelly Family Living a	& Departed
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass				
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass				
Thursday 19th	No Mass				
Friday 20th	Yelverton	11.25am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
		12.00	Mass	Private Intention	
Saturday 21st	Vigil Mass of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God				
•	Yelverton	6pm	Mass	Bishop Christopher Bu	udd intention
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mass of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday of the Word of God				
-	Tavistock	9am	Mass	Mary Tyler RIP	
	Yelverton	10.45am	Mass	People of the Parish	
Sacra	ment of Recon	ciliation: - is	s usuallv a	vailable after Mass on Fri	day mornings
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#### A very warm welcome to all our visitors!

#### Please pray for:

those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Marie Lynch, Rose McGarrity, Victor Reed.

the sick and/or housebound: including, Margaret Phelps, Jill White, Nora Steel, Margaret Bradford, Margaret Davies, Ian Kilpatrick, Canon Denis Collin, Anne Stanton, Seth Marks, Shelagh Robinson, Margaret Drayton, Mary Boon, Paul Gray & Joy Jewell.

### A message from Bishop Christopher to his brother priests:



Dear Brothers, May I thank you for your prayers hitherto for my well-being, sadly, recent treatment has not been as effective as was hoped which means I am now on a much shorter life expectancy. May I please ask that you might be kind enough to keep me in your prayers as indeed I do you.

Wishing you all a very blessed and happy 2023 Bishop Christopher Budd

Bishop Christopher will be celebrating his 37th anniversary of his episcopal ordination this Sunday (15th January).

There will be **Children's Liturgy** during the 10.45am Mass. Please remember children under 4 must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them.

Today is **PEACE SUNDAY** and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?' A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together. The Pax Christi website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x">https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x</a> Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884

**Refreshments** will be served in the hall after the 10.45am Mass on Sundays. If you could take a turn, please sign the rota in the hall.

The next Holy Cross Parish Pastoral Council meeting is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the church hall. Any Parishioners who want matters raised should contact Father Cyriacus or Mary Pike on 855281.

#### **TACT AGM & Unity Service**

You are warmly invited to attend the annual TACT (Tavistock Area Christians Together) Unity Service and AGM which will be held earlier than usual on **Sunday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **January** at the United Reformed Church – **3pm for the Unity Service followed at 4.15pm by the AGM**. The AGM will include updates from TACT's many joint activities. Please come along and be encouraged by the exciting things that God has been doing through the unity of His church in our area. (Jackie Palmer – TACT Secretary)

#### **RCIA**

The next RCIA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 6 - 7:15pm at Our Lady Of the Assumption, Tavistock.

#### **Youth Mass and Pre Meeting**

The next Youth Mass will take place on **Sunday 5**<sup>th</sup> **February 2023** 9am Tavistock. The pre-meeting and practice will take place on **Friday 27**<sup>th</sup> **January at 6pm** in the Hall at Yelverton.

#### 'Synodality Series'

By popular demand, the Diocese is offering 2 further talks by Dr Caroline Farey on vital aspects of synodality. Come and discuss in person or join the day online via zoom.

The talks will take place at St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth, PL5 3AX For those attending the day there will be 10.30am refreshments and 12.15pm lunch break. (Bring your own lunch). There is also Mass at 9.30am. To request a zoom link please email: carolinefarey@btinternet.com

#### Saturday 11th February 2023:

11.00am: Talk 1. Sharing the priesthood of Christ.

1.15pm: Talk 2. Should women share in the hierarchy?

# Save the date LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth $(15^{th} - 17^{th} \text{ February})$

The diocese will be holding a LOUDfence at Christ the King Church in Plymouth starting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and concluding on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. More details will follow soon.

#### **Parish Notices:**

## Did you know 2023 is the Holy Cross Centenary Year?

Please pick up a Launch bulletin as you leave the church if you did not get one last week.

N.B. the board at the back of the church is now dedicated to news, dates & posters. There is a box at the back of the church for completed forms.

Please continue to donate used postage stamps, foreign coins and plastic bottle tops. They can be left in the foodbank box and will get to their correct destination.

We would also like new, unsuitable/unwanted Christmas gifts to use throughout the year for various raffles/sales. These can be left at the back of church in a marked "bag for life" or given to a member of the PPC. Thank you.

We are still collecting items for the Tavistock Foodbank. Anything you can spare will be gratefully received. Please leave items in the box in the porch.

**Bonus Ball Winner:** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January was Naomi Walsh with ball number 18. She won £25. There were 34 subscribers that night so £9 went to Parish funds.

Some subscriptions have run out. If you can renew yours that would be great! This provides a steady drip feed for the Parish particularly on a week where the number is unsold so the Parish wins the entire amount. This happened 26 times last year alone!

#### Last week's Collections:

Loose plate will be given next week. Standing orders £531.00

Thank you

The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sue Walsh

**Newsletter:** Sue Walsh (Tel: 07767480807) or email: svwalsh@hotmail.com (All items for the newsletter by noon on a Wednesday please).



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#### The Pope's Intention for January: For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.